

REMARKS

Applicants request amendment of the specification to include a reference to the priority document and a Statement of Government Interest. No new matter is added in these amendments.

Applicants submit that the present application is now ready for examination on the merits. If, for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4229.

Respectfully submitted,

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